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Hou Dhat: Alright.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Welcome everybody to our Sunday school class continue. Dr. Carl

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Carl Racine: If he loses. He doesn't become a private citizen until January 20 or whatever that

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Carl Racine: He has three months to wreak havoc.

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Carl Racine: Yes. Second, if you is his supporters and he himself will not go away. They will still be out there and they have infected and basically taken over the Republican Party. Oh, we will see

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Carl Racine: At least on the surface kinder, gentler versions of the same thing.

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Carl Racine: This isn't going away.

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Carl Racine: And so, yes, of course, it's better that he lose than men. But it doesn't mean then everything's going to be okay. It just means that the well armed supporters of the current president will just be more mad than they already

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And but but the, the important thing to go along with Dr. Carl is in the case of the executive ban signed on September 22

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That bans all diversity training programs in the federal government and federal contract is which is canceling my business is that we must speak up. So when this just came up about a month ago, I was alarmed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I put my alarm, I expressed it on on my social media pages to my disappointment. None of my colleagues came forward those who actually had bigger contracts.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I didn't hear anything from them at all now that this thing is really hitting and I'm just screaming with my clients permission, I can't mention their name.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I've already gone to the NAACP. The ACLU, etc. Now some of those same people are coming and they're posting on my my site on Facebook and LinkedIn saying, Oh, now I know what you're talking about. I just had three contracts cancelled.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Or all somebody else I know business, you know, literally is going to be Topsy Turvy

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Under the circumstances, so this is no time to be silent, this is no time to be doing work around somebody was talking about friend of mine, doing a workaround with, how can you do a workaround with diversity programs.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And not mentioned white privilege and this is literally in his edict or unconscious bias, you know, otherwise I call it an Uncle Tom diversity training program.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And so in my clients case they said no we're not doing that to us or her. Nope. We just can't hold it right now. Uncle Tom. That's the workaround. So I will not be silent and I will be a net in his Bethesda.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: hospital bed.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Until that band is lifted and until he is defeated because he is a monster.

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Now,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I will. I'm going to put everything in the chat room there. I'll put the band in the chat room. I'll put

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A couple of articles and the snitch line where you contact the snitch line. If your clients or customers are continuing on with their program.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So yeah, so so brother Carl it this is no time to be silent and just because your houses is not on fire and your neighbor's house is on fire. You still have to screen fire.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: On the on a on a cheerier note I now have two URLs one directly related to

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This class that you can go and get all the replays everything is updated and it's all there last week. Is there too and it's Sunday teaching.com I'll put it in the chat rooms Sunday teach in I n.com

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The Wednesday Bible class. Everything is updated is Wednesday teaching calm. So Sunday teaching calm and Wednesday teaching calm. I'll put it in the chat room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And Brother D Shawn says, watch out for sympathy votes. Also, if he beats it and is healthy. He is going to demise covert even more so I can see him saying, I had the flu worse than this, huh.

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Jack Melvin: Well, the good news is I take take at least two weeks out of five weeks of campaigning so

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's a good thing.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: After that monstrous debate. Oh.

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Jack Melvin: Oh, gee.

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Jack Melvin: Gift

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yes.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Brother jack. What were people saying in Honduras about

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Carole Copeland Thomas: What what you witnessed the wrestling match that you that you witnessed

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Jack Melvin: Well, the people I talked to don't really follow what's happening too closely, but the defeat of Trump has a great impact because of you know the impact on migration to United States.

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Jack Melvin: So they were happy Trump got sick.

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Jack Melvin: As we say, as it says in the Good Book, you know, Pride goeth before a fall.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You go

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Jack Melvin: And that's exactly what happened. So

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Jack Melvin: You know he's they hear government. Well, you don't have people who support tyrants authoritarians but people have to live with them because that's the government is corrupt like Donald Trump and you know and and

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Jack Melvin: You know, as I just said earlier, the President's figure out a way to work is working his way into president for life. Yeah.

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Jack Melvin: Doris. And it's in process and we can do nothing. I mean, there's there's protest people go into the streets and set down the country. But after a while, you know, you have no leverage over over these bullies.

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Jack Melvin: And and so so the people here use that they know about people like Trump and they just think he's another How do another strong man and and

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Jack Melvin: You know, life.

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James Williams: lying about this disease. I mean, he could come out of this really golden

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James Williams: Look like a superhero.

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I don't

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Hou Dhat: I don't think is lying because

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Hou Dhat: That would be too much of an affront to the self concept.

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Jack Melvin: Yes, yes, he wouldn't lie about this one.

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James Williams: I wouldn't put nothing past some not.

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Jack Melvin: Is a chronic liar, but he's not gonna lie about

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Jack Melvin: You know his whole thing is is being macho and not having to wear a mask and never getting sick, but it's sort of

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Jack Melvin: That image.

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James Williams: He gets it and then kicks it in the butt that will say a lot

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Hou Dhat: It would. That's why he's not gonna beat it.

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Hou Dhat: Say that

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Well,

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Carol Hovey: I heard one of his supporters

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Carol Hovey: Said that, oh, yes, we've got to fight because they're taken down our friend, they are blaming the other side.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're

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Carol Hovey: Having

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Koko head.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm not surprised. I knew that was coming. Carol that was coming. I knew it was coming.

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Hou Dhat: I saw an image of Barack Obama eating fries yesterday that was captioned. I'm waiting to hear how this is my fault.

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There you go.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There you go.

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Carol Hovey: Um, but

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Susan Racine: I'm reminding everybody that the mask is to protect other people and not yourself. So Trump is not been protecting other people and Lord knows what happened on that debate stage with the coven viruses.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: So Susan, you bring up such a great point. I mean, I'm thinking about the tragedy of all of that you're looking at the debate stage, the people in the room.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You're looking at his prep team including Chris Christie, who now has coven you're looking at that rose garden reception with the Supreme Court nominee, who is a coven survivor.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And then everything in between, from the Rose Garden, the prep sessions Duluth rally New Jersey reception and I think something else. ORLANDO I think Miami.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Minnesota Minnesota Minnesota Duluth delusive Duluth, Minnesota.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All of his travel in a week and all those folks who were impacted I

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I'm sorry, I think he probably contracted the disease within the last week. I don't think it was Thursday. I mean, Dr. Susan, you're a physician, but I think it was several days earlier, they're blaming it on whole pics. She was just one of the casualties collateral damage.

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Carol Hovey: Yeah, if she if if they blame it on her is because of him and she was following him.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Correct. Correct. Yep.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yep.

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Carol Hovey: That's Jim Jones up today.

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Peter Barrant: Well, a small silver lining on this whole thing is if that many people come down with coven number one, maybe more people will wake up to the reality and what needs to happen.

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Peter Barrant: And number two,

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Peter Barrant: It might. It might delay that Senate confirmation hearing

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Carol Hovey: That's what I'm praying

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yeah. Yep.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Yep. Because right now to we're down to the judicial members on the senator down plus and a third republican senator has it and but interestingly chuck chuck.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: grassley chuck grassley refuses to be tested.

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Hou Dhat: Well, he's been wearing his mask.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Here. Yeah, he refuses to be

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Hou Dhat: Tested doesn't work in his mask.

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Carol Hovey: Maybe he will not have to be tested.

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Carol Hovey: Maybe you just fall

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Yeah.

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Carol Hovey: There's different ways of being tested.

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Carol Hovey: In the nose off the feet.

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Peter Barrant: Well, you know, like if

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Peter Barrant: It's still actually you know who wrote that book.

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Peter Barrant: Or was an article about

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Peter Barrant: Those who are ignorant don't recognize their ignorance.

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Peter Barrant: That's, you know, people who don't know much on a subject often think they know a lot more

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Than

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Peter Barrant: They really do. And it the even with all the outbreaks that are happening. It's amazing that people will come up with alternative explanation.

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Peter Barrant: Why it's happening. I mean,

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Peter Barrant: Why not, why not look at the obvious and it's happening to all those folks weren't wearing masks. No, but why is it happening to all the Republicans and the Democrats must be Democrats are doing something to them.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Right. Right. Yeah.

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Peter Barrant: So my hope my hope that people will wake up the big based on what's happening but i i do suspect that there will still be a fierce fairly sizable portion of the population who will see all the facts and still try to come up with an alternative explanation than the most obvious explanation.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: They're already doing this. I mean, as soon as the debate was over and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Some on the right. We're just talking about

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The President, you know, behaving the way I he

was being presidential he was fighting back just based on the attacks that were being the blows that were being thrown on him by Biden. I mean, I heard the comments on C span. I had to turn them off. They were that disgusting.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: People rationalizing

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Carole Copeland Thomas: The obvious.

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Susan Racine: And we have our Sunday school class.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This is it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This is it.

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Theology.

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Carl Racine: MacNeil lehrer news hour

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Yeah.

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Carl Racine: I guess that doesn't exist anymore.

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Carl Racine: Should we look at some rabbis

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Yes.

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Carl Racine: Alright.

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Carl Racine: So, you know, last week we kind of began the introductory material and i and i

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Carl Racine: Have planned to give a review of some of the

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Carl Racine: Board and things that we talked about last year as a way of kind of helping us

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Carl Racine: You know, think through this stuff again because I think for a lot of people. This may be fairly new ideas and yet I find them immensely attractive and exciting.

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Carl Racine: And helpful in thinking about the scriptures and about thinking about our lives and thinking about the New Testament, as well as the old

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Carl Racine: So I want to go through

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Carl Racine: The kind of high points, so to speak, of what

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Carl Racine: Sorry, my secretary just came in, um, the high points of what we covered last year. And for people who maybe weren't there or or just because there's so much material. This will help ground the discussion that we enter into for the rest of this year.

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Carl Racine: So let's open with prayer because

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Carl Racine: I hope that will help center us and get rid of the kind of

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Carl Racine: Craziess that's flying around us. Lord God, we do come to you, recognizing that

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Carl Racine: You are the lord of our lives.

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Carl Racine: And you are ultimately the lord of this world, even though sometimes we wonder what in the world, you're doing

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Carl Racine: And what you're letting people get away with. But those questions are nothing new. Those are questions that that have existed from the beginning of time. They certainly exists in scriptures that we're looking at.

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Carl Racine: And so he asked as we look at your Scriptures that you would guide our discussion and our thoughts and help us.

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Carl Racine: Come to a fresh and and new understanding of your word and of its application in our lives in Jesus name Amen

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen.

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Carl Racine: Um, so first just to review briefly we talked about the rabbi's and

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Carl Racine: So who are the rabbi's will know what do I mean what, how about the rabbi's and we tend to we tend to think of rabbis as being

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Carl Racine: Kind of like pastors Jewish pastors, I'm the leader of a synagogue, a congregation

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Carl Racine: But historically guys haven't necessarily if I start the rabbi's haven't usually been leaders of synagogues, they've been Bible scholars essentially they're Jewish Bible scholars, whose teachings really

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Carl Racine: Historically, take us back to the time of

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Carl Racine: When the Jews were allowed to return home from the Babylonian exile. And now for the first time began to have a collection of scriptures that they were looking to for guidance.

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Carl Racine: In what it meant to be God's people, and

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Carl Racine: So the, the, the rap the rabbinic teaching was largely oral rabbis didn't write down what they were saying they had groups of followers

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Carl Racine: And they would give lessons and study the scriptures and Jesus is a good example of this. We don't have any we don't have anything that Jesus himself wrote other people wrote stuff down and this happened with the other rabbis, too.

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Carl Racine: So as time went on,

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Carl Racine: It was the need was felt to collect

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Carl Racine: Writings teachings. I'm sorry teachings of the rabbi's in written form and a number of collections have have come down to us.

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Carl Racine: That have various teachings of the rabbi of ancient rabbis and they've continued to be rabbis all throughout history.

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Carl Racine: But they're based in these ancient teachings and the most important and longest of that collection of rabbinic teachings is called the Talmud, and if we could look at slide number six.

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Carl Racine: I'll refresh your, your, your memories about what the Talmud is because from time to time, I will quote stuff from the Talmud.

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Carl Racine: Okay, good.

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Carl Racine: So the tama as you can see here

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Carl Racine: This is a page.

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Carl Racine: Of a of a modern version of the Talmud and the Talmud. It consists of two basic parts the mission.

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Carl Racine: Which are first and second century rabbinic discussion. So things that rabbis said

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Carl Racine: In the time of Jesus and for a couple hundred years after that that were first collected

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Carl Racine: And then the Gomorrah, which is a commentary on the mission. So the mission is already rabbinic commentary on the Scriptures. The Gomorrah seeks to explain what the rabbi's are trying to say because rabbis aren't always the rabbi speak the way Jesus



spoke in the

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Carl Racine: Story and Matthew today, the pastor preached on Jesus, what Jesus says there is somewhat mysterious in a way it's open. It needs further interpretation. It's not immediately clear

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Carl Racine: What Jesus means by render to Caesar the things are Caesar and render to God the things regard Jesus is asking you the way a good rabbi would do to go back to your Scriptures and say, what does that mean

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Carl Racine: So the mission, does that and then the Gomorrah comments. I bet you see the mission is that just the stuff that's in pink.

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Carl Racine: And the Gomorrah is the stuff that's in yellow, somehow, am I my

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Carl Racine: Thing that the word Gomorrah should be in yellow on your slide, but it's not. I don't know how to have maybe so. The mission is in pink. The tomorrow's and yellow.

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Carl Racine: All the rest of the stuff that's around it is later rabbis commenting on the mission and the Gomorrah. So what the Tom, it is essentially a collection of

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Carl Racine: Debate discussion different points of view, it's the opposite of the kinds of things that Christians were writing

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Carl Racine: Which were long theological treatise, is that that had the point of view of only one person. So you had a Gustin his writings or whoever's writings here. The, the Jewish. This is the foundational document for Jewish teaching is is a collection of discussions and debates.

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Carl Racine: The, there are two versions of the Talmud, the first one. The Jerusalem Talmud is slightly older it was compiled in the fourth and fifth centuries.

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Carl Racine: Not in Jerusalem. It used to be called the Palestinian Talmud, but because of the confusion of the modern political situation Israel. They started calling it The Jerusalem Talmud, even though it wasn't compiled in Jerusalem. It was compiled in northern Israel.

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Carl Racine: And it's shorter has more material and agricultural of the Babylonian Talmud, which is the more definitive one is longer. It was compiled about 100 years later in you know what's now modern day Iraq.

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Carl Racine: And these are the basis for everything that's come since this is this is what gets discussed as along with the Scriptures in Jewish circles.

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Carl Racine: And I found the rabbinic discussions to be refreshing and challenging inspirational to me as I searched the scriptures, as I try to study.

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Carl Racine: God's word because they do have a deep concern for those scriptures is God's word, even down to the smallest letter. Everything matters to them. They know a whole lot about the biblical languages and their interpretation.

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Carl Racine: A lot of it is very my new esoteric discussion of details of legal interpretation.

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Carl Racine: But there were plenty of rabbis who concern themselves with what Jesus called the weightier matters of the law, the big picture that's presented in Torah and the rest of the scriptures

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Carl Racine: So reading the rabbi's has made me much more aware of the Jewishness of Jesus and how deeply rooted. He was in the Torah and in the prophets and caused me to rethink some of the religious traditions that I've been handed down to down by previous generations.

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Carl Racine: I'm a modern Rabbi still alive who I have found to be especially helpful and insightful as Rabbi Jonathan Sacks slide number seven, please.

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Carl Racine: Jonathan Sacks here I've listed a number of his books in the course bibliography and and you can look for stuff online. He has a website, there's plenty of videos of him.

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Carl Racine: He's, he's British. And he has that he has that ability that other British authors like CS Lewis or NT Wright have of presenting pretty complicated material in in very clear ways

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Carl Racine: And what I like about Rabbi Rabbi Sachs, particularly and about the rabbi's in general is really here in the title of this book, which was a recent book that came out.

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Carl Racine: by other people. He didn't write this book. This is by other people with essays about Rabbi saxes writings and the word that phrase radical responsibility. I think characterizes. What I like about the rabbi's and it certainly characterizes Rabbi sacks is thinking

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Carl Racine: Because what's attractive to me about all of this is the emphasis on our God given responsibilities for taking care of this world, rather than worrying about the next

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Carl Racine: And reading the rabbi's for me both ancient rabbis and modern ones I think is really important for Christians, it's a necessary counterbalance to the private personal

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Carl Racine: Inward spirituality of American Protestantism in particular, and they have a couple of quotes here from Rabbi sacks.

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Carl Racine: Judaism is not a faith transacted in the privacy of the believers soul. It is a social faith. It is about networks of relationship. This is about families, communities and ultimately a nation in which each of us great and small has a role to play.

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Carl Racine: And I argue in this class and have argued for a long time that the. This is a fundamental biblical truth that's first hot in Torah and then worked out in the rest of scripture

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Carl Racine: Christian faith is not about your private personal salvation. First and foremost, it's about the kingdom. It's about the community, the citizenship in that community that pastor talked about in his sermon this morning.

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Carl Racine: And that truth is embraced by the New Testament. It's not abandoned by the New Testament doesn't teach anything different than this.

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Carl Racine: Rabbi Sachs was on to say, Read Torah and you'll immediately note. It is not a formula. The formula for the salvation of the soul or the acquisition of inner peace.

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Carl Racine: It is about social welfare welfare and the treatment of employees, justice and the impartial application of the law charity and the alleviation of poverty.

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Carl Racine: It is about the construction of a society, a community of people and Jesus called that society, the kingdom of God.

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Carl Racine: And you can't understand what Jesus means by that if you don't go back to Torah and see what Torah means by that learning how to live as members of the countercultural community.

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Carl Racine: And if we ignore those fundamental elements in Torah will also miss their importance in the New Testament, and many Christians have

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Carl Racine: Now,

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Carl Racine: I want to give a disclaimer here. I'm not suggesting that what I'm presenting is the Jewish perspective on Torah. There's no such thing as you saw on that page from the Talmud, the Torah is a series of debates and discussions with a whole variety of interpretations and points of view.

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Carl Racine: And like Christian theologians and Bible scholars or rabbis have been arguing for over 2000 years both about major and minor issues.

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Carl Racine: So to even talk about the Jewish perspective doesn't make any more sense to, in some ways, in time, about the Christian perspective. And we have lots of different Christian denominations

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Carl Racine: At the same time, like those Christian denominations, the various wings of Judaism do have a kind of common core

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Carl Racine: Something that's recognizably Jewish as opposed to what's recognizably Christian, shall we say.

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Carl Racine: So some of what I'm presenting here may be considered mainstream Jewish thinking. But some of the insights. I've just gotten from individual rabbis who I have found to be helpful in reading the

Torah and understanding the New Testament.

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Carl Racine: There's a diversity, a multitude of voices in Judaism as in Christianity and some of those have greater authority than others, but all of its part of an ongoing discussion and debate that seeks to connect our lives with the scriptures and we need to include those voices in our own discussion.

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Carl Racine: So let me talk for a minute in general about Torah and then we'll look at some specific themes

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Carl Racine: Torah refers specifically to the five books of Moses. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy Torah is the foundation stone for the rest of the Bible. I'm arguing and I think it's undeniably true

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Carl Racine: When Jesus is asked about eternal life on more than one occasion he points people to Torah to the law of Moses. And then the notes, you'll get the references with Matthew 19 Mark 10 and Luke 18

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Carl Racine: In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Jesus tells people that all you need to know about salvation is in Moses and the prophets, and he implies that he is nothing more to teach them about it.

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Carl Racine: If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets. He said, they won't listen to even to someone who rises from the dead.

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Carl Racine: Jesus says in Matthew five, he's not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them to live out their teaching and he goes on to praise the commandments.

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Carl Racine: So you can understand what Jesus is up to without going back to Torah and the prophets and Paul himself also insists in Romans

seven that the law is holy, just, and good

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Carl Racine: And that is part of God's inspired scriptures. He says in Second Timothy 3:16 it's useful for teaching and instruction in God's righteous justice.

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Carl Racine: Now that phrase that that Paul uses there in Second Timothy, the Scriptures are useful for teaching the Word Torah itself does not mean law, literally.

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Carl Racine: It. Rather, it means Teaching or instruction which is precisely how Paul understands the Scriptures. So for Christians Torah is an essential foundation for our understanding of God and how God wants us to live in this world.

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Carl Racine: Torah itself, the five books of Moses introduces something completely new to the world.

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Carl Racine: For the first time, religion is connected to morality.

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Carl Racine: Now this is something I say to people that they probably have never thought about. Because for us, of course, religion is about morality, about being good about loving your neighbor, whatever.

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Carl Racine: But until the Bible came along, pagan religions didn't connect religion with what you do and for any of you who studied

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Carl Racine: Greek mythology Roman mythology, for example.

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Carl Racine: In school, the gods in those stories are not moral at all there. They're worse than human beings, sometimes

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Carl Racine: So there was no connection in the ancient world between living a moral life and your religious beliefs.

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Carl Racine: But for the first time in Torah religion is connected to morality, the God of the Bible is a different type of God, a God who cares about justice and compassion and the dignity of the individual in the sanctity of life.

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Carl Racine: Perhaps the most radical thing that Torah says is the phrase, God loves

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Carl Racine: Deuteronomy in several places talks about God loving Israel.

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Carl Racine: Know, ancient pagan religious myth would have said anything remotely like that, that God loves human beings. Now, to say that God loves Israel might just be misunderstood as an exaggerated expression of national pride.

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Carl Racine: But to say as Deuteronomy 10:18 says that God loves the foreigner and the immigrant is breathtaking. It's world changing Israel. God is not like other gods.

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Carl Racine: Because the unique god of Torah is the God of Jesus and is the starting point for what Jesus teaches and does. We need to return to Torah.

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Carl Racine: I'm going to stop there for a minute and let people comment or ask questions.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And can you go that's interesting about pagan religions separated from morality. Can you talk more about that.



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Carl Racine: I mean,

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Carl Racine: The point of most pagan religions was simply to keep the gods.

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Carl Racine: Out of your life.

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Carl Racine: Because when the gods interfered with your life. They tend to cause trouble and you were hoping that maybe they would be good to you.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: If they were appeased if they were kept happy by sacrifices in particular.

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Carl Racine: Then they would leave you alone and let you go about your business.

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Carl Racine: And in ancient Greece, for example. It was precisely the philosophers like Socrates who came along and said, Well, no, we need to consider what it means to live an ethical life.

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Carl Racine: And the gods don't teach us that, and that's how Socrates got into trouble because he was he was thought to be corrupting the youth by saying bad things about the gods, the ancient gods.

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Carl Racine: And he was ultimately put to death for that because he was saying, if we look at religion. If we look at Greek religion, we

will not have models for how we live in ethical life because the gods are out of control.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carl Racine: That was a countercultural kind of statement. So again, we tend to think of religion as completely connected or even mainly about how you live your life. That was a new thing in Torah.

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Carl Racine: I know it's like

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Carole Copeland Thomas: That's that's

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A lot to process. Thank you for that.

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Carl Racine: But it's only because we have grown up in cultures that have been so immersed in the Bible, even if they're not particularly Christian cultures, but it's so affected.

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Carl Racine: Western culture, especially

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Carl Racine: That we just take this for granted. We just assume that that's the case. Let me give you one other quick example. Just because I was looking at this earlier this week.

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Carl Racine: We're going to talk at some point about the Sabbath, the idea of a seven day week is a biblical innovation, it didn't exist no other culture had a seven day week. We take it for granted that a week that there's such a thing as a seven day week

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Carl Racine: But that's a biblical innovation.

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Carl Racine: Time in ancient cultures were was calculated with reference to nature, with reference to the movement of the sun and the moon and the stars. So you have a month, which is

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Carl Racine: The from the movement of the moon or you have a year, which was the movement of the sun, but the week is doesn't correspond to anything in nature. It's a divinely given ordinance in Judaism in Israel.

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Carl Racine: And yet we take it for granted because we've grown up in a culture that adopted that but it was a radically new idea, and especially radically new idea that one day a week, you shouldn't work.

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Carl Racine: The ancient used to another.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Brother Carl what what preceded that idea of the of the seven day cycle.

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Carl Racine: There was not that they had months. For instance, the ancient Maya's every day of the month, you know, the 28 day month where they actually had two sets of months with the lunar month at 28 a month just from number one to 28

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Huh. Okay.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: There was no got it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Got it, got it.

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Carl Racine: Oh, that that repeated every seven days. That's a biblical idea that's a, that's a Torah idea that we've grown up with. So it's hard for us to imagine

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Carl Racine: A culture where that doesn't exist, but in fact it was a new thing in the Scripture. So what I'm, what I'm trying to make a point about the Scriptures is how unique they are in certain ways and and

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Carl Racine: And we're going to go on to talk about some more of that but

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Carl Racine: Are there other questions about what I've said so far.

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Susan Racine: There's a question chat about see women.

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Carl Racine: Um,

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Carl Racine: I I don't know this specific reference

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Carl Racine: But there are certain the Bible reflects, to some extent, the culture of its time and

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Carl Racine: There are things in the Bible that are that seem clearly to be

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Carl Racine: I guess misogynistic would be a word.

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Carl Racine: And there's lots of ways of dealing with that and

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Carl Racine: Both from biblical and non biblical perspective.

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Carl Racine: I think if you stick with me.

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Carl Racine: In seeing the big picture.

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Carl Racine: You'll see how

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Carl Racine: How some of that can be dealt with.

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Carl Racine: Especially the issue which we didn't get to in a minute about all human beings, male and female, in Genesis one being created in God's image with no distinction

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Carl Racine: Which is another radical idea in Torah.

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Carl Racine: Once you start with that.

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Carl Racine: Then you you have to think very carefully about how you

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Carl Racine: Distinguish between men and women.

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Carl Racine: So I don't know if that's a great answer to a very big and complicated question. But as we go along. We can maybe look at some of the texts that seem to be discriminatory.

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Carl Racine: And and see what we can do with them.

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Hou Dhat: So I have one question I wasn't here last last time, so to speak, and the in the time that you showed what looked like a few lines of text.

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Hou Dhat: As the kind of the, the nucleus of

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Hou Dhat: Of that script know what was that really focused on what what was the content.

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Carl Racine: So the time it is massive is the Babylonian one is like 17 volumes.

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Carl Racine: And it's divided into different sections that that

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Carl Racine: Theoretically cover different topics.

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Carl Racine: Like one of the one of the sections is is on the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: So theoretically, you should find all the rabbinic discussions of the Sabbath kind of compiled in that one section of the Tom

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Carl Racine: What happens though. Just as in any

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Carl Racine: Conversation.

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Carl Racine: As opposed to a systematic theology text is that the rabbinic conversation ranges far and wide. So there's all sorts of things in the volume on the Sabbath that don't have anything directly to do with the Sabbath, and there's lots of other places in the Talmud, where it talks about

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Carl Racine: Stuff, having to do with the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: So the study that sort of systematic study of the tana is a is a kind of lifelong dedication, because it's so complicated. And because it's organizational structure isn't anything like what we're used to.

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Carl Racine: And it requires almost a photographic memory in some ways to comprehend the whole thing.

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Carl Racine: Well, in any given page. God knows what what topic might come up that you know one verse leads to the discussion of something different that some Rabbi wants to talk about and then some other

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Carl Racine: Rabbi comes in and says, Well, yeah, but what about this and

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Carl Racine: And there it goes, just like a normal human conversation that doesn't stick to the topic, all the time.

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Beverly Williams: Kyle. I'm really glad that you pointed this out because I went back and I was reading it because I always thought that God said that

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Beverly Williams: And so when I'm back in Genesis and I'm reading it. Now I can clearly see with it just says that to do it for the Lord.

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Beverly Williams: I always grew up just thinking that God commanded that and so just you highlight and it may be vegan it. It is so clear to me now that that was a mandate of religious man.

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Carl Racine: I'm sorry.

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Carl Racine: I missed

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Beverly Williams: Sabbath keeping the Sabbath day holy

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Carl Racine: Right, yeah, that's in Genesis

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Beverly Williams: Yeah, no. Right. And so

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Carl Racine: First one.

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Beverly Williams: And I'm and I'm BV the net. What a new perspective and because you know you gave, you gave us that bit of information just me reading it, I clearly see where it says to do this for the Lord, keep it holy. I always thought as a kid that God sent that

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Beverly Williams: And now I can clearly see, it's an English just mandate.

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Carl Racine: Yeah, and in at some point this year we're going to have a very extensive discussion of the Sabbath and its meaning in the scriptures its meaning in Judaism and the way it has been virtually ignored or even

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Carl Racine: Or misused in Christianity.

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Carl Racine: So I have a whole lot of things to say about the Sabbath in my heart of hearts. I wish Christians continued to observe the Sabbath, and I don't see scriptural objection to it, but that's we'll, we'll get to that discussion further down the line.

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Carl Racine: And talk at length about both what the Scriptures say and and then what both Jews and Christians do with the idea of the Sabbath.

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Carl Racine: But the idea of a seven day week is a uniquely Jewish thing.

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Beverly Williams: Which

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Carl Racine: Which everybody else's. Most of them almost everybody else's adopted at this point.

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Carl Racine: All right. Well, as I use the word that Carol koeppen Thomas has used about me this morning when I was talking in the chat with pastor about the

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Carl Racine: Sermon passage. This morning, the Jesus was being edgy.

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Carl Racine: Want to argue the Torah is being edgy. The Torah is being revolutionary and before we look at some of the more specific aspects of Torah, like the Sabbath, like the kosher laws. I want to just step back and look again at some stuff we looked at last year about the big picture.

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Carl Racine: Because seeing the big picture helps us kind of focus in on what the individual parts are all about.

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Carl Racine: Christians throughout the centuries have tended to use the Bible for constructing elaborate systems of thought.

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Carl Racine: We've created creeds and doctrines and

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Carl Racine: Theological treatises long statements of ideas about what the Bible says systems of thought.

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Carl Racine: The Rabbi's me in the meantime were equally busy constructing elaborate systems of behavior, what they call how a car.

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Carl Racine: The way you should walk. What that means literally. And sometimes you'll run into this word Holocaust and in Jewish writings. It simply means how you behave, how you walk, how you live your life.

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Carl Racine: So Christians were, I think, probably influenced by Greek philosophy constructing these great systems of thought rabbis reconstructing systems of behavior.

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Carl Racine: So when Christians want to evaluate other Christians, they asked them what they believe. When we have somebody who wants to join Bethel, we asked them to

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Carl Racine: Give their assent to the doctrinal statement of the AMA church and last year in the course. I brought up the idea that was not very well received by the class that biblically, we should probably be asking them how they behave

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Carl Racine: How they behave, specifically with reference to the poor

because if they are not actively involved in helping the poor, the Bible says, You really don't know God.

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Carl Racine: And it doesn't matter what you believe that sort of faith says James is just demonic but Christians tend to evaluate other Christians on the basis of what they believe about what ideas, what systems of thought they ascribe to Jews look at how other Jews act.

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Carl Racine: But

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Carl Racine: The Bible itself is neither an orderly exposition of religious ideas of what to think, nor a collection of ethical teachings, how to act. It contains a little bit of both, but it contains a whole lot of other things.

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Carl Racine: But the primary literary mode of the Bible. And I have a PhD in English, and this has been my

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Carl Racine: Yeah, I'm sorry to Sean's asking how you spell how like how that that's that's fine. Just, just how you have it there in the chat.

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Carl Racine: As a literary person and I this is increasingly becoming something that biblical scholars are saying the Bible is neither a system textbook of systematic theology or a book of ethical teachings, the primary literary mode of the Bible is narrative is story.

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Carl Racine: So even though again as we we kind of commonly translate the word Torah as meaning law, but that's not quite what it means. It means instruction.

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Carl Racine: In fact, the Bible and Torah, in particular, does something unique, with the laws that are there. They are embedded in us in a story and the narrative and the story of Israel.

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Carl Racine: Know, again, unique to ancient times. No other law collection has come down to us that also is attached to a narrative. We do have other law codes, like the Code of Hammurabi

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Carl Racine: But none of them. Those are all separate just like the laws in our country are separate from you know stories about the country but the bible interweaves the story of Israel with the laws because you cannot understand those laws in isolation from that story from that narrative.

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Carl Racine: So I want to talk just briefly about what I call the revolutionary story in Torah, because the central story in Torah is the story of the Exodus.

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Carl Racine: It's a story about God about politics and people about the misuse of power and economic slavery. It's about human rights and minority rights. It's about civil disobedience and it's about what freedom really means. And if we can see slide number eight, please.

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Carl Racine: The exodus is a revolutionary story about God's redemption of his people.

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Carl Racine: Freeing and undistinguished group of enslaved people from the power of the greatest and longest lived empire of all time. And until I sort of was researching this class, I did not.

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Carl Racine: Think about the fact that the Egyptian empire continues to be the longest lived empire in human history, and it had three different sections. As you can see here, but it went on for about 1600 years

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Carl Racine: The American empire is only been around for a couple of hundred and in contrast, and I don't know what the Roman Empire lasted three or 400

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Carl Racine: So, so what's radically interesting about the story of the Exodus.

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Carl Racine: Is a challenge to what human beings have tended to believe throughout history because for most of history, the gods have been seen to be on the side of the ruling powers and Christians in America and lots of Christians in America still miss us Romans 13 to that effect.

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Carl Racine: But the shocking truth in Torah. Is that the one true God, the Creator of the Universe intervened in history to liberate oppressed immigrants from the tyrannical power of the state.

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Carl Racine: That's what redemption means in Torah, not about being saved from my sins, but about being saved from the sins of others.

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Carl Racine: Salvation is not a future heavenly hope but a present Earth Day present day earthly reality as Rabbi Sachs says it's about the construction of a society and alternative society that is radically different from the pagan empires of the world, be they Egypt Babylon Rome or America.

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Carl Racine: You cannot understand Jesus if you admit this radical revolutionary story from the gospel and from what it means to be redeemed.

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Carl Racine: Torah itself, as we saw last year condemns the kind of permanent economic hierarchies that characterize empires like Egypt structures that provide freedom and wealth for the few and poverty and oppression for the rest

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Carl Racine: One of the greatest concerns in Torah is to lay the foundation for a society in which desperate poverty and degrading treatment of the less fortunate are unknown.

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Carl Racine: And Rabbi sex makes a very interesting argument that God

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Carl Racine: Put Israel in the position of experiencing slavery in Egypt.

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Carl Racine: So that they would know in their gut what that feels like what it felt like to be treated that way and therefore they would be able to construct a very different type of society.

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Carl Racine: Over and over again in Torah, Israel is told, you need to behave this way and treat the people in your midst. This way, because remember how badly you were treated in

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Carl Racine: Egypt. You don't want to treat people in Israel, the way the Egyptians treated you. And that message in Torah is hammered home again by the prophets. It's central to the teaching of Jesus.

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Carl Racine: That deep seated economic inequity and oppression offense against the fundamental values of righteousness and justice the way of the Lord in Genesis 18

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Carl Racine: This is who God is, says Torah. This is what it means to follow him needs to be his people to be citizens of his kingdom and for Christians to ignore this or

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Carl Racine: spiritual eyes it

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Carl Racine: Or redefine redemption and godliness and completely different terms is irresponsible and unbiblical

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I think what you're also saying brother, Carl, is that again this goes along with the corporate relationship with God that you may have yours. That's nice. But what about those who are suffering or

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Need help from you. So you have to move beyond yourself in living in a society that becomes as just as possible. And for those who are oppressed, it is your responsibility to reach out to them is this, am I on the right track with that.

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Absolutely.

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Carl Racine: Your first thought should not be for your needs, but for the needs of others and for the needs of the community.

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Carl Racine: We in our Western culture tend to define ourselves as individuals. First, and as members of a community, subsequent to that isn't but but historically and I think biblically that's got things backwards. You were born.

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Carl Racine: Not as an individual, but you already born as part of a community.

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Carl Racine: At least the community of your mother and father, if not a larger community.

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Carl Racine: You are not born. You're not even conceived as an individual. You're conceived as a member of a community.

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Carl Racine: Your identity, first and foremost, has to do with that community and that community may change. You may choose to become a member of a different community.

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Carl Racine: But your identity as a human being, I would argue, first and foremost is as part of a community, and only then you find out as an individual, how you fit in as a member of that community.

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Carl Racine: But we tend to think of ourselves as individuals first and then you know if that's all taken care of, then maybe we can think later about the community. And that's very specific to our culture.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Which is

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Sort of hammering this point because, again, I'm looking at where we are now. Those who are focused specifically on their stock portfolios and how they're doing with Wall Street.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This pandemic has no effect on them long as they keep themselves safe, but to go beyond that point and looking at your own let's say wealth.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And to really think about the suffering that other people are experiencing is to step out of yourself and to embrace a society worldwide society that is in deep pain now because of the pandemic.

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Carl Racine: Exactly. And as as Susan pointed out.

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Carl Racine: A little while ago.

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Carl Racine: Wearing your mask is a sign of your concern for others because wearing your mask is what helps protect other people

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Amen.

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Carl Racine: The people who don't want to wear their masks are demanding their individual rights. This is about my personal freedom. I'm not comfortable wearing a mask, where I feel funny, wearing a mask. I don't like it for whatever reason.

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Carl Racine: They are speaking thinking and acting completely selfishly, as individuals, they are ignoring the needs of their community, the well being of their community and the well being literally of the world because we've seen how this one very microscopic creature

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Carl Racine: Can affect the whole world.

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Carl Racine: And that what you do as an individual here in Boston say may affect people in

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Carl Racine: The Ukraine.

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Carl Racine: Or in Thailand.

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Carl Racine: So to be selfish and insist on your individual constitutional right to not wear a mask.

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Carl Racine: Is to ignore the Commonwealth. The common well being the health and safety of the rest of the world.

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Carl Racine: And it's that kind of thinking, both in an individual way and in a in a political way in American democracy that's leading to the downfall of American democracy that we're seeing happen right now because it can't survive.

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Carl Racine: People are not thinking about the common well being. They're simply thinking I got mine.

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Carl Racine: The rest of the world can literally go to hell.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And I hate to belabor the point, but I just had to correct instruct

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Carole Copeland Thomas: remind someone in my industry who let me know. Well, I had corporate I had federal contracts, but

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You know, now that we're in this predicament. I have plenty of corporations calling me for my services and I quickly had to respond.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Then you need to use your voice and your influence. Under the circumstances, just because you have corporate clients doesn't mean that other people don't need to hear from you and you you're using your influence to talk about how wrong this executive order is

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And that's what I find far too often with people you know we we get our own acorns and squirrel them away and forget about everybody else.

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Carl Racine: Right. And, you know, there's a saying. And there's even a song. I have a Blind Boys of Alabama version of it.

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Carl Racine: Until all of us are free. None of us is free, something, something to that effect that's that's thinking about the community.

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Carl Racine: That if there are people who are still enslaved, for whatever reason, in our community. We, we, as a people, we as individuals even aren't really free it affects us, even if we don't believe that.

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Carl Racine: Yeah, I don't think I want to move on. So we can just continue to discuss. I don't hang on. I won't move on to the next point because it's a whole other thing I'll do other people want to make comments.

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Peter Barrant: Door when you were talking about the Bible is not just one type of

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Peter Barrant: Treats treaties, it's, there's a story. And I think one of the things we see with the story of Israel is how they often try to imitate the rest of the world. And as they move towards imitating the rest of the world, then they move farther away from God, and they had to

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Peter Barrant: Ultimately, repent of their sins. I mean, they went from judges to King this to all of that, just to to imitate the rest of the world and they had their own empire as much as they could, you know, and you know you know ultimately adopting some of the other

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Peter Barrant: Cultures and taking themselves away from God. But that's that story.

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Peter Barrant: Is interwoven into the story that you're you're bringing here.

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Carl Racine: Exactly. The, the, the, the idea of having sex. This idea that the God of

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Carl Racine: Israel experience the slavery economic depression in Egypt, so that they would create a different type of society. The flip side of that, biblically, is that God then sends the prophets along to say

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Carl Racine: If you revert to being an Egypt like empire treating the poor disdainfully etc etc. If you just become another Egypt. I'm going to take you into exile. I'm going to take you back into political oppression, so that you learn your lesson again.

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Carl Racine: And that's exactly what had to happen until you learn the lesson, you're going to keep

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Carl Racine: You're gonna keep being taught that lesson by being subjected to that sort of oppression and so they're taken into Babylon.

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Carl Racine: And

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Even when you look at

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Some of the stories that have come out of the

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Pandemic I said this back in March when I was, you know, when we were in it. And this was so new to us, but then you go back and you read some of the commentary and see some of the documentaries. You say, Oh, my God.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This looks so familiar. And unfortunately, it hasn't changed. I mean, we are literally paralleling what happened back then selfishness greed corruption.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Medical professionals telling public officials, you know, you need to contain crowds. You need to do this and public officials and Philadelphia didn't pay any attention to them. So there was a big, big rally in March and I for the summer. Maybe late summer I forget the time period in

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Carole Copeland Thomas: When we were at war and World War one and huge crowds and the out the immediate result were new infections of the flu and thousands of people who died as a result of it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: It's just so. Okay, so here we have the person in Bethesda, and now they're saying that, you know, this probably was traced back to the Rose Garden ceremony, a week ago and all of the collateral damage along the way. And we were just like 1918 is no difference.

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It's been

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Carl Racine: As

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Carl Racine: Finished with the sort of introductory review thing we're going to do a section on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his friendship with Reverend Martin Luther King

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Carl Racine: Jr and in kind of reviewing that material it which is stuff from the 1960s. It's just astonishing to me to read what they are saying and the up again and to say

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Carl Racine: Not much has changed the stuff. They're saying back. What

is that 4060 years

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Carole Copeland Thomas: 50 years

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Carl Racine: Could be sad today and be just as relevant just as necessary.

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Carl Racine: So yeah, it's

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Carl Racine: Those who don't remember history, you can do

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This and fail to learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat them Carol Harvey, had she had her hand up.

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Carol Hovey: Um, I don't think that he has yet learned a lesson.

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Carol Hovey: There still, you know, you either have the extreme poverty.

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Carol Hovey: And

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The wealthy.

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Carol Hovey: So if history is not only repeating itself. It's a continuation

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Carl Racine: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. Oh.

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Titi Odedele: Hello, sorry. THIS IS TT. I was just going to say in response to that, although we have to take into account how migration path like right most people who are currently alive.

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Titi Odedele: In Egypt right now have Arab or Persian ancestry, as opposed to like Egyptians that had been living in that race completely different.

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Titi Odedele: People and we can't forget about how colonization imperialism, colonialism have impacted the way that we like think about and understand the world, especially in America, which I mean

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Titi Odedele: Yeah, just, especially in America.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I want to hear the rest of your thoughts TT don't cut us off. Now you have us intrigued.

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Carol Hovey: Yeah, please.

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Titi Odedele: Yeah, I just so I guess I'm thinking about

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Titi Odedele: I guess my own

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Titi Odedele: learning process. And I actually went to Argentina.

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Titi Odedele: A few, a few years ago. I'm on study abroad and we learned about US intervention like

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Titi Odedele: In the

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Titi Odedele: Not even not just in Argentina, with the last military dictatorship, but all over South America, right, like, very similar to what's happening in

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Titi Odedele: Venezuela and

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Titi Odedele: Bolivia. I think it's Bolivia, but right the the SI ay ay was like training authoritarians and like that funding authoritarian, excuse me, and then training their military and

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Titi Odedele: And police forces to be, you know, completely brutal

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Titi Odedele: Toward

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Titi Odedele: Really anyone who was like, we don't want the US involved in our country like can't divorce that history like the system that in life so many places, so we can't

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Titi Odedele: We just can't divorce our country's own involvement in oppression literally around the world from what we see.

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Susan Racine: Below the Americas in Georgia, right, our tax dollars at work training brutal police forces and armies.

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Yeah.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: I agree with you.



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Carole Copeland Thomas: That we have so much blood on our hands and some of these dictators who we have funded, as you said, and sister Susan has said.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: You are absolutely correct. And we don't own up to it. We forget that as we wave our flags and talk about freedom and liberty and stuff. And we selectively choose which part of history. We want to acknowledge. But you're right.

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Carl Racine: And we pay the price for that because all of those migrants that are coming for want to try to come from Central America.

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Carl Racine: exactly who to the US that now we're trying to build a wall to keep out the whole reason for those migrant caravans

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Carl Racine: Goes back to the 70s and 80s when we were training death squads to destroy the communities that they live in. So we really undermined.

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Carl Racine: Their economies and their way of life and they have nowhere to turn so they're coming here, whereas if we'd spent our, our military dollars on building communities.

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Carl Racine: And economic structures in those countries, we wouldn't have those hordes of people trying to come here for some economic just for survival. We're not talking about, you know, getting rich. We're talking about people who just want to give food to their children and

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Carl Racine: Those people are direct result of our brutal imperialistic policies in Central America.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: True.

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Susan Racine: Climate Change.

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Susan Racine: Do due to a lot to American emissions and that's forcing people to give up their farming because they they can't do it anymore because of droughts.

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Yeah.

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Carol Hovey: That's if you believe in climate change.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: This fake news.

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Carol Hovey: No, no, no.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: No hoax like co did the hoax. Yeah, but

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Carol Hovey: You know my comment about Egypt was not necessarily from a governmental perspective or a historical perspective, it was an observation haven't been there and it was really sad to see either you are rich or you are poor. I MEAN, POOR like I had never seen poor

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Peter Barrant: So,

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Carol Hovey: That was my comment.

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Peter Barrant: But America is moving in that direction as well. I mean, the fact that we have the multi billionaires and we're getting a

rising class of the poor. I mean, it's we are, I mean if if history is to be

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Peter Barrant: Any guide, we are moving ourselves towards that the point where, you know, civil wars and all of that would happen because we are just becoming so

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Peter Barrant: Such a

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Peter Barrant: This this disparate group of people. Yes.

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Carol Hovey: I wonder if

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Carol Hovey: We all know that. Regardless of which way the political the presidential race end is going to be some kind of arm consequence.

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Carol Hovey: I wonder if

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Carol Hovey: And I don't mean to sound philosophical so holy or whatever. I said, Is this, is this God's way of just kind of interrupting some of this nonsense. Some of this

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Carol Hovey: Promise that Trump has made you know something has to happen dramatically so that we don't go too far to the in the wrong direction in climate change so that we don't go too far, much further.

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Carol Hovey: In where we're headed. Because we all know that this is scary. These are scary times so was covert the beginning of a change

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Carol Hovey: And that has been my husband roaming around in my head is

covert 19 the beginning of a change, and if so, what is the end change.

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Peter Barrant: Well I, I think a top

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Peter Barrant: Out. Yeah, exactly. Because I think that, first off the predictions have been there for years that there's going to be another pandemic on the scientific community knew that just didn't know where

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Peter Barrant: The fact that we refuse to address the inequities in terms of the wealthy and the rich and in fact we just, you know, gave the tax break we the royal we gave the tax break to the to the rich and still ignored the poor.

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Peter Barrant: I think it's

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Peter Barrant: It justice is saying you know you reap what you sow at on unless and until enough of us in this country are able to mobilize and prevents us from going further down that path. We're going to reap what we sow.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Well,

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Carol Hovey: Scary.

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Susan Racine: We should close with prayer, give us hope.

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Jack Melvin: But

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Carl Racine: Then Sam for four years as a human joke was maybe right

God may have indeed.

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Carl Racine: Wanted Donald Trump to be President United States precisely his judgment.

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Peter Barrant: That is

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Susan Racine: Where

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We were

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Carol Hovey: Susan

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Carl Racine: Who wants to close in prayer. Somebody else

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Carl Racine: Anybody. Oh.

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Well,

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Heaven we have once again had a very engaging and compelling conversation which makes this class so valuable where we have a place to go. There are so many people who don't have

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Carole Copeland Thomas: A place to go where they can put their thoughts out there, regardless of what they are and be met with conversation dialogue.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: And not debacle. Thank you so much, Lord, for

our teacher our master teacher or a rabbi of such brother Carl Racine in all of the work that he has put forth in bringing this class together.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Year in, year out, whether it's this topic or others related to you, Lord, we say thank you so much for sister of Dr. Susan and

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Her insight and food for thought and reminding us the way she has so elegantly about climate change in our responsibility to it.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: To all of our classmates who are here and their conversations near and far we have direct

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Insight in the relationship. Now with Brother Jack and how he shares with us what's going on in Honduras and that is so important, so that we're not just stuck here in the greater Boston area.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: We're looking at what's taking place in Georgia and Florida Honduras and elsewhere.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Lord, we know that we are a corporate church that we are a corporate community and there's so much work to do the mess that we're in now Lord

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Can only be corrected and rectified because of your grace and love and power. May we continue to be students

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Carole Copeland Thomas: May we continue to study the word study the importance of Judaism and our relationship to

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Knowing Lord that that will bring us closer to you this, we ask in your precious name keep us safe. Lord, keep us away from crowds. Help us to wear our masks. As we must to wash our hands and to be beautiful, as we

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Carole Copeland Thomas: navigate this world through covert and trying to eradicate it as quickly as possible. This we asking your precious name going forward speaking truth to power and banding with our brothers and sisters in a courageous way. Amen.

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Amen.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, God

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Carole Copeland Thomas: bless everybody take care

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Saver chat before you leave. There's a lot of stuff in there.

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You just go down.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Here, just go down to the bottom where where you type in your information, your eyes will go across and you'll see file and then you'll see three dots.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Click on three dots and then you'll be able to save chat.

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Susan Racine: Awesome.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Thank you. Yes. You're welcome. And they'll be on your device when you close it doesn't work for phones or tablets and works for laptops and desktops.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: All right, amen. So check out Sunday teaching calm, this will be uploaded shortly. Once we get brother Carl's notes and we'll have the slide deck and the recordings there. Take care. All right. Bye. Bye. Thanks for holding jet. Thank you. Take care.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Bye all

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Carole Copeland Thomas: Good seeing you, Janet, stay healthy.

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Carole Copeland Thomas: My brother, James. Take care. All